

KALEE KREIDER: My name is Kalee Kreider. I run a small business in Watertown, Tennessee, about two hours from here. If you have ever seen Watertown, it was probably in a country music video. I just want to start by saying that the only war on coal I have really seen has been a war against the miners. I lived in Wheeling, West Virginia as a girl and when a bunch of those jobs got mechanized, a lot of my family friends got thrown out of work. And the other thing I have seen is that a lot of cheap gas has backed out a lot of coal, so that is the war on coal that I have seen. I just wanted to address that, given the comments earlier from some of the political staff. I moved here ten years ago to come work for former congressman/senator/and vice president Al Gore. And one of the projects I worked on was the slide show that became the film, *"An Inconvenient Truth."* And it just happens to be the tenth anniversary of that film this week. We just celebrated it on the 24th, just two days ago. And that film helped to open the eyes of the world to the issue of climate change, which is one of the issues that you have asked us to address here today. The opening scene of that film comes right here from the state of Tennessee, the Caney Fork River. And with all due respect to my colleagues from the west, some of the best fly fishing in the country can be found right here in the Caney Fork. I would like to say that one of the things I think it would be great to have addressed and three minutes isn't really sufficient to address this technical issue, but that is to look at the social cost of carbon. It was a concept that was introduced recently and that the National Academies of Science have looked into and former council of economic adviser Jim Stock just recently put out a paper on this issue, but it is a complex set of issues to try to look at how and in what way we should be looking at the issue of climate change across federal agencies, which includes the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Land Management. We are all trying to address this complicated and important issue of climate change, and I think that we are just starting to see the first papers come out about how this addresses coal and public lands. In addition to this, I also want to say that I know some people find climate change abstract, but you are also right here close to the Smoky Mountains, and Senator Alexander has been a leader in also looking at the issue of air pollution in the Smokies. And if you had seen pictures of the Smoky Mountains fifty years ago and the Smoky Mountains today, you would see a real difference in just the view there. So, if you could try to look at from cradle to grave the issue of coal, coal pollution from air pollution to climate change, I think that would make this a really successful programmatic environmental impact statement. Thank you for coming out here all the way to Knoxville today, and we appreciate your public service.